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SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph, please insert --THIS APPLICATION IS A U.S. NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION OF PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/JP00/03152--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 3 with the following:

One aspect of the present invention is a transducer-supporting structure, characterized in that said structure at least comprises:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 23 with the following: